

ILLINOIS PLANNING TO BUILD 1,400 MILES OF HARD ROADS IF WORK CAN BE CONTRACTED

Two Highways Out of Moline to Give Outlet East and North for the Quad-Cities.

Clifford Older, chief engineer of the state, joined the contractors at the afternoon session in declaring the 1,400 mile improvement project impossible. Members of the division of highways insisted that that amount of road could be built in 1920 with material available, but Older said:

"I advise the division of highways to look into the matter closely. It is foolish to lead the public to expect that it is going to have 1,400 miles of new road next year, when that is practically impossible."

Contractors pointed out that counties and cities would be competing with the state for materials as they are also planning expensive improvement programs.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—The state of Illinois is planning to build 1,400 miles of concrete and brick roads in 1920. Frank I. Bennett, director of the Illinois division of highways, announced at a meeting of state officials and road contractors today.

Included in the program is 400 miles of "federal aid" roads, contracted for last year, but not completed, and 1,000 miles to be built under the state's \$50,000,000 road bond issue. The 1,000 miles will cost approximately \$30,000,000, Bennett said.

Plenty of Material. Bennett told contractors that dealers had assured him that the supply of materials would be sufficient to care for the building program. Some contractors urged that the state curtail its 1920 plans until they had caught up on work completed this year. Although the state contracted for 600 miles of "federal aid" roads for 1919, only 200 miles, costing \$6,000,000, was actually built.

Bennett blamed the failure to complete two-thirds of the work to the railway yard and shop strike, shortage of cars, and lateness in getting started.

He will hold another conference with the contractors here in January.

Here's the List. The roads included in the program for next year, as proposed by Bennett, are:

Cairo to Carbondale. Ashley, Centralia and Vandalia. East St. Louis, Mt. Vernon and Alton. Mt. Vernon to Marion. Carbondale, Marion, Harriestown and Shawneetown. Duquoin to Benton. Fairfield to Effingham. Marshall to Danville. Quincy, Pittsfield, Springfield, Decatur, Urbana and Danville. Quincy, Mt. Sterling and Peoria. Peoria, Bloomington and Urbana. Burlington, Monmouth, Galesburg, Sheffield, Princeton and DePue. Moline and Sheffield. Moline, Prophetstown and Morrison. Ottawa to Streator. Bloomington to Joliet. Kankakee to Mokena. Chicago, Elgin, Rockford and East Dubuque. Rockford to Beloit. Rushville, Beardstown, Ashland and Alexander.

Mostly Cement. The roads built this year and planned for next will be of cement concrete, asphaltic concrete and brick construction. The larger part will be of the cement type, as it is the cheapest of the three, Bennett said.

HERE'S WHISKY THAT HAS KICK BEYOND DOUBT

Booted Eight Imbibers
Clear Out of This Material World.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—Eight men are dead here from drinking liquor which they thought was whisky. Four are under arrest in connection with the deaths.

Twelve barrels of a mixture presumed to be palatable, but requiring water to lessen its strength, were bought of a New York firm for \$12,000, according to statements made to the police. The police opinion is that the liquor has a wood alcohol base and a coloring was added to make it look like whisky.

The liquid was served over the bar of a saloon, the owner of which is under arrest.

FRENCH TURNING
CLOCKS AHEAD TO
SAVE COAL SUPPLY

Paris, Dec. 26.—The cabinet met today and approved the bill providing for the turning ahead of the clocks one hour beginning Feb. 1, as a fuel conservation measure.

Louis Flot, the minister of finance, met with the cabinet and presented questions relating to the financial situation which, it was decided, would be discussed further next Monday.

TALK TO CHINA POSSIBLE WITH NEW APPARATUS

"Wired Wireless" Combination of Old and New Systems and Offers Great Promise.

New York, Dec. 26.—The perfection of a method of "wired wireless," by means of which at least ten or possibly more conversations may be carried on simultaneously by means of a single wire by persons thousands of miles apart, will soon be announced by Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer of the army.

The method, it was said, makes long distance telephone communication virtually limitless. Conversations from Argentina to Alaska will be a matter of course, provided single wires are strung between the points mentioned. The new method will save telephone and telegraph companies large sums of money, as by its use one wire will do the work now done by ten or more.

"Wired wireless" is a system of guiding radio currents by means of a wire. The currents travel through the air alongside the wire, which guides them to their destination, it was explained. The method eliminates one fault of the ordinary radio which sends the message broadcast in all directions.

Under the Squier method the wave currents stay close to the wire, thus insuring reliability and security.

Is Combination. The principal difficulty in long distance telephoning has been that to carry the direct current to a great distance requires conductors so large as to be almost impracticable.

The new method has adapted an alternating current of high frequency to the use of the telephone through adaptation of the instruments used in wireless telegraphy to the purpose.

The high frequency current travels along the wire, but not in it, passing through the ether as do radio waves, with the difference that instead of being diffused it travels in a path of which the wire serves as core. Enthusiastic persons who know of General Squier's work, believe that as many as 50 messages may be sent along one wire simultaneously.

PROF. IN JAMAICA HUNTING A PLANET

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—Professor William H. Pickering of the Harvard astronomical observatory, who is stationed at Mandeville, Jamaica, is now engaged in a search for the planet which is supposed by astronomers to exist outside Neptune. He estimates this undiscovered member of the solar system is some fifty-five times as far from the sun as is the earth, according to a statement made by Professor Solon L. Bailey, acting director of the Harvard observatory.

PERU PRESIDENT GETTING IN BAD?

Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Dec. 24.—President Augusto B. Leguia of Peru is facing a crisis in his government, according to Admiral

Jorge Montt, former director general of the Chilean navy, who has returned from a visit to Peru.

"Neither the militarists nor the anti-Chileans are satisfied," says Admiral Montt. "The rich enterprisers and the aggressive campaign promised by President Leguia have

not been realized and his fall will come soon. It promises to be more rapid than his rise to power."

The word "guess," popularly supposed to be a Yankeeism, is common in Chaucer in its modern sense.

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Round Steak, per lb.	30c	Veal Stew, per lb.	15c
Chuck Steak, per lb.	25c	Veal Rump Roast, per lb.	27c
Rib Roast, rolled, no bone	27½c	Old style Link Sausage	27½c
Rump Roast, rolled, no bone	26c	Home made Mettwurst	35c
Brisket boil, per lb.	12½c	Armour's Shield Bacon whole or half	36c
Short Rib boil, per lb.	16c	Roberts Special Bacon whole or half	32c
Chopped Beef, per lb.	20c	Armour's Shield Skinned Hams	26c
Whole Pork Shoulder, per lb.	22c	Picnic Hams, per lb.	23c
Pork Loins, whole or half, per lb.	25c	Compound Lard, per lb.	55c
Whole Fresh Hams, per lb.	24c	Pure Lard, 2 lbs.	58c
Fresh Sausage Meat, per lb.	25c	Armour's Creamery Butter, per lb.	70c
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CORN MEAL, 10 lb sack	65c

An Open Letter

We reproduce below a letter we received this morning from C. E. Goodwin, western sales manager for The Edison, which is self explanatory and which gives our patrons some idea of the insurmountable difficulties which confronted us in our effort to supply them with Edisons for Christmas. Circumstances beyond our control caused many disappointments, which we regret exceedingly.

J. RAMSER'S SONS,
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Chicago, Dec. 24, 1919.

Good Morning!

A word for the morning after.

This bulletin will reach you the next morning after Christmas. It would be going too far with human nature to expect to find you in good humor after our tragical service with accompanying disappointments to you and your customers, but even if you are too disappointed to talk about it, I believe you have enough curiosity to want to know what happened.

Well, here is what happened: As you know, the factory started an assembly plant in the Pullman yards to put mechanisms in the cabinets that come from the Pullman Works, the 250 per day that New London (Wisconsin) is turning out, and eventually all of the product of two plants in New Albany, Indiana. Weeks ago cars of parts, horns, etc., began to arrive, an army of carpenters, plasterers and mechanics made ready the building, and about a month ago a nucleus of foremen and superintendents started in to assemble the labor—some 130 hands—to bring through the finished product. It wasn't easy to get labor for this new work out here, and even after it was obtained, certain sections of it would strike and walk out every other day. But even at that, the plant started to produce, and they were swinging along with a production of between two and three hundred per day up to last Friday. In the meanwhile, in fairness to my jobber friends who were further away, nearly everything was poured out to the express companies for a rapid distribution to them. Of course I got fidgety and kept the wires hot, begging for the break to come our way. It came—in the form of a telegram ordering the assembly plant to give us the entire production for the remaining days, before Christmas. Now it gets funny: I call up Pullman to make final arrangements to distribute to my dealers direct from Pullman, and I am informed by the superintendent that a car of filing devices then ten days overdue, which also contained lift levers for the tops, was blocked somewhere along the overloaded lines between here and Orange. So Orange, realizing our predicament, loaded an express car on Saturday, put a special messenger in it and started them out. The car got as far as Buffalo and broke down. The stuff was transferred to another car and the messenger made heroic efforts to tack on to another train coming through Buffalo on Monday, but they were all loaded to the guards and new we are left high and dry until Friday morning.

Of course I have been indignant, distracted and nearly crazy during this climax, so to get my mind off of things as they are, and which couldn't be helped, I went to see Dave Warfield in "The Auctioneer" last night. I am glad I went, for during the play when Simon Levy learns that his brother has robbed him of his last dollar, as he turned to his wife and said—"Vell, Rachel, we must start all over again,"—at that instant there flashed through my mind a greater tragedy in this business, when a gray haired man sat at one of the windows of his storage battery office building and watched the flames leap from building to building and lick up millions of dollars worth of his property that wasn't carrying ten per cent of insurance. In the midst of that dramatic situation, he turned to his panic stricken helpers and said, "Boys, we'll start over again in the morning." And as I came out of that theatre inspired by the picture of that grand old man standing amid the ashes of a five million dollar loss, I said to myself, "You pigmy, you start at it again in the morning. It isn't as bad as a fire and you are right in line now for the next full run of instruments." And I will. And on Friday morning. And you will go along with me, too, and I know it.

Disappointments in Christmas deliveries are very fashionable about now, but Christmas buyers won't have long to wait for our stuff as soon as that car gets here which is now overdue.

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